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TAGS: ET, PINS, SHUM
SUBJ: PRISONER RELEASES

1. MAY 25 ETHIOPIAN HERALD REPORTED RELEASE OF 598
PRISONERS DETAINED ON VARIOUS CHARGES IN WOLLEGA REGION.
ON RELEASE, DETAINEES BRIEFED ON PROGRESS OF REVOLUTION,
"OBJECTIVE REALITY OF ETHIOPIA", AND ADVISED TO CEASE
OUTMODED PRACTICES AND TAILOR LIVES TO SELF-HELP SCHEME
BEING IMPLEMENTED IN SOCIALIST ETHIOPIA. MAY 31 ETHIOPIAN
HERALD REPORTED AMNESTY GRANTED BY PROVISIONAL MILITARY
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL (PMAC) TO 1,062 PRISONERS SERVING
VARIOUS PRISON TERMS THROUGHOUT COUNTRY. PRISONERS
RELEASED IN ADDIS ABABA AND ALL REGIONS EXCEPT ERITREA.
PRISONERS BRIEFED BY PROVISIONAL OFFICE FOR
MASS ORGANIZATIONAL AFFAIRS (POMOA) SIMILARLY TO WOLLEGA
RELEASES.

2. COMMENT: PRISONER RELEASES GIVEN MINIMAL COVERAGE
IN MEDIA, WITH LITTLE EFFORT TO EXPLOIT PROPAGANDA
POSSIBILITIES. IN PAST, RELEASES INVOLVING "POLITICAL"
DETAINEES HAVE BEEN BETTER PUBLICIZED WHICH LEADS
EMBASSY TO BELIEVE ABOVE RELEASES PROBABLY ONLY
PETTY CRIMINALS. THERE NO EVIDENCE RECENT US HUMAN
RIGHTS STATEMENTS IN ANY WAY RESPONSIBLE FOR
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